MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*. The delay is due to the increased traffic and not due to the shortage of operators at the Quilon Exchange.

(*c*) It is possible that some inconvenience is caused to business people on account of such delays.

MR. J. E. A. PEREIRA : In answer to part (*b*) of the question, may I know whether any action will be taken before introducing the new scheme of business?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON : The only way to cope with the present increase in traffic is by providing fresh out lets. But in view of the present situation consequent on the world war, it is very difficult to get the necessary enquipments and materials for such extensions. Further, this abnormal increase in the traffic might probably be not a normal feature. Fresh work could be considered only after conditions become normal.

MR. J. E. A. PEREIRA : May I know whether the member is aware that even when there is not sufficient business, there is inconvenience caused to the merchants?

MR K. P. PADMANABHA MENON : That is a matter of opinion.

MR. J. E A. PERIERA : May I know, whether the Government are aware of the tremendous inconvenience caused in the Quilon Exchange for not getting in time trunk calls as and when desired by businessmen?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON : I have not received any complaint so far in that matter.

MR. M. L. JANARDHANA PILLAI (*Nominated*) : May I know whether it is not a fact that all trunk calls go through Quilon and therefore some inconvenience is caused to the business men with regard to the availability of trunk calls?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON ; At present it is so.

Trunk Telephone System.

265 *MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have considered the necessity of extending the Trunk Telephone System to Parur ; and

(*b*) the names of the places, if any, in Parur taluk to which the Trunk Telephone System was extended this year ?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON : (*a*) Yes. Arrangements for the construction of this extension have already been made and the work is proposed to be taken up immediately.

(*b*) Edapally.

MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN: പള്ളിപ്പുറം, ഡിസ്ട്രിക്ട് ആശുപത്രി, ഡിസ്ട്രിക്ട് കോർട്ട് മുതലായ സ്ഥാപനങ്ങൾ ഉള്ള പറവൂരിൽ ട്രങ്ക് ടെലഫോൺ സിസ്റ്റം നീട്ടാത്തതിന്റെ കാരണമെന്താണ് ?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON : It is included in the present programme of construction and the work is in progress

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM : Am I to take it that there are difficulties for want of materials etc. to extend the scheme?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON : Not in this particular case.

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